YOU SHOULD HAVE HAD PLENTY OF TIME...

...

SWEEP

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RIGHT NOW WE NEED TO GET ORGANIZED AND PLAN OUR NEXT MOVE.

WELL... NEVER MIND THAT. WE'LL TALK ABOUT YOUR LAX CLEANING JOB LATER.

THAT IS, TO CLOSE THE HOLE IN WALL MARIA.

OF COURSE... WHILE MUCH HAS HAPPENED RECENTLY, OUR ORIGINAL GOAL IS STILL THE SAME.

OR A HANDFUL OF TITANS POPPING UP INSIDE THE WALLS.

HMM ?

A HAIR-COVERED TITAN TOSSING BOULDERS AT US,

AH!

WHE-THER IT'S THE PEOPLE NEXT TO US TURNING INTO TITANS,

AS LONG AS WE CAN DO THAT, MOST OF THE DETAILS DON'T MATTER.

YOU SAID IF THINGS WENT WELL, WE COULD PLUG UP THE WALL FAST. EXPLAIN THAT AGAIN.

HEY, ARMIN.

IF THAT'S EVEN POSSIBLE, OF COURSE ...

THEN ...

THE WALLS... SEEM TO BE MADE OUT OF HARDENED TITAN BODIES. SO IF HE CAN CREATE ENOUGH MATTER ON THE SPOT TO PLUG THE HOLE...

YES, SIR... MY IDEA WAS TO HAVE EREN TRANSFORM INTO A TITAN, THEN USE HIS ABILITIES TO SEAL THE WALL.

IF IT'S JUST US ON HORSES, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TRAVEL THE ROAD FROM TROST DISTRICT TO SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT IN ONE NIGHT.

WE COULD ALSO CHOOSE A CLOUDY NIGHT, WHEN THE TITANS WOULD BE LESS ACTIVE, TO HEAD TO THE WALL.

THERE'D BE NO NEED FOR WAGONS TO CARRY LARGE AMOUNTS OF MATERIAL, LIKE IN THE ORIGINAL PLAN.

...LESS THAN 24 HOURS.

...THE MISSION TO RECAPTURE WALL MARIA WOULD TAKE...

UNDER THESE IDEAL CONDI-TIONS...

IT DOES SOUND LIKE A PIE IN THE SKY DREAM.

BUT NOW THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT IT AGAIN,

I UNDER-STAND THAT.

YES ...

...

...CAN BE MADE REAL DEPENDS ON THIS GUY.

WHE-THER THAT DREAM ...

AND YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CHOOSES WHERE OUR EXPERI-MENT WILL TAKE PLACE.

HEAR THAT, HANGE? HE'S FOR IT.

YES... OF COURSE. IT'S MY DUTY...

AS LONG AS I'M ALIVE.

THIS SITUATION WILL ONLY COMPOUND THE CHAOS IN THE CITIES.

PATROLS IN THE WALLED CITIES HAVE BECOME SO INFREQUENT, THEY CAN'T EVEN MAINTAIN ORDER.

THAT REQUIRES AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF LABOR AND MANPOW-ER...

THE GARRISON IS FULLY MOBILIZED AND PATROL-LING THE WALL

HM?

I'M EVEN MORE CONVINCED THAN BEFORE.

WE HAVE TO RE-CAPTURE WALL MARIA...

I WANT THIS TO BE A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE CAN LIVE WITHOUT FIGHTING EACH OTHER.

I WANT EVERYONE TO FEEL SAFE AGAIN SOON...

THIS TIME, WE'LL EXPERIMENT WITHOUT FEAR TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HIS HARDENING ABILITY, AND EVERYTHING ELSE.

I WANT TO TEST OUT EREN'S POWERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THAT'S WHY...

IF EREN CAN REALLY DO THAT, IT COULD VERY WELL TURN OUR SITUATION COMPLETELY AROUND!

THE IDEA... THAT HE MAY HAVE MANIPULATED THE TITANS... IS AN AMAZING POSSIBILITY.

THAT'S WHY ...!

WE CAN'T SIT AROUND AND WASTE TIME!

WE HAVE TO HURRY...

...AND TAKE ACTION! BUT...

I STILL WANT EREN TO LAY LOW FOR THE TIME BEING.

WHAT ?

BUT... WHY?

THE SITUATION SEEMS TO BE EVEN MORE COMPLICATED THAN WE THOUGHT.

I MEAN ...

HUH... FROM THE MOMENT YOU CAME HERE, IT LOOKED LIKE...

...YOU'VE BEEN ON EDGE, LIKE YOU'RE HOLDING IN A SHIT.

YOU'VE STILL GOT THAT LOOK ON YOUR FACE.

SO WHY DO YOU NEED TO KEEP IT INSIDE?

TELL ME, HANGE.

MINIS-TER NICK IS DEAD.

?

WHA ...

HUH ?

MINISTER NICK WAS FOUND DEAD THIS MORNING...

...INSIDE THE TROST DISTRICT BARRACKS.

I DON'T KNOW THE CAUSE OF DEATH...

...BUT I KNOW HE WAS MURDERED.

MPS ARE INVESTI-GATING RIGHT NOW.

STEP STEP

WE DON'T KNOW YET.

HOW DID THEY FIND THIS LOCA-TION?!

FOUND DEAD? HOW?!

STEP

STEP

NICK!!

HEY!

GACHUNK

?!

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!

HEY! YOU'LL CONTAMINATE THE CRIME SCENE, WEIRDO!

NO.

LET ME IN! HE WAS MY FRIEND!

KREEEEK

SAM

THIS IS **OUR** JOB.

THIS WAS A ROBBERY-MURDER. AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE RECENTLY SEEN A LOT OF THESE KINDS OF CASES.

HIS BELONG-INGS WERE STOLEN.

...

WHY WOULD A ROBBER BOTHER TO BREAK INTO A MILITARY BARRACKS ?!

... WHAT'S THAT ?

THERE'S NO WAY...

WHAT WAS THE METHOD OF ENTRY ?!

HIS FACE LOOKED LIKE IT HAD BEEN BEATEN REPEAT-EDLY!

AND WHAT ABOUT THE CAUSE OF DEATH?! AND THE MURDER WEAPON?!

WHY WERE HIS NAILS TORN OFF ?!

DID YOU LOOK AT HIS FINGERS ?!

GRAB

...AND FOURTH SQUAD XO MOBLIT BERNER.

FOURTH SQUAD LEADER HANGE ZOË...

YANK

?!

WHAT'S YOUR POST-ING?

FOURTH SQUAD —

HUH ?

DON'T YOU HAVE YOUR OWN JOBS TO DO?

... SUR-VEY CORPS.

YOUR ORGANIZATION'S PRECIOUS LITTLE TITLES DON'T IMPRESS ME...

IN FACT, WHY DON'T YOU JUST LIVE OUTSIDE THE WALLS? YOU'D EAT UP LESS OF OUR TAXES THAT WAY.

WHEN YOU'RE NOT OUTSIDE THE WALLS REDUCING THE SURPLUS POPULATION, SHOULDN'T YOU BE PLANNING YOUR NEXT SUICIDE MISSION?

WE'VE BEEN WORKING SCENES LIKE THIS FOR DECADES.

ANOTHER HUMAN DID.

A TITAN DIDN'T KILL THIS HUMAN.

YOU GET ME?

PFFT...

ZERO, RIGHT? THEN SHUT UP AND STAY OUT OF MY WAY.

WASTE YOUR TIME COUNTING TITANS INSTEAD.

...

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU INVESTIGATED A CRIME SCENE AND TRACKED DOWN A CRIMINAL?

HELLO IN THERE! YOU FEELING OKAY?

OH, JEEZ! LOOKS LIKE I'VE SCARED YOU STIFF!

GUF-FAW ...

MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE INTERIOR FIRST SQUAD ...?

SO THEY'RE NOT THE LOCAL MPS...

I THOUGHT THESE TWO LOOKED STRANGELY OLD...

WHY WOULD MPS FROM THE ROYAL CAPITAL COME ALL THE WAY SOUTH TO TROST DISTRICT?

UNLIKE YOU WASHOUTS, ANY SOLDIER WORTH A DAMN IS BUSY RIGHT NOW!

...DOES THAT SEEM STRANGE TO YOU? AT A TIME LIKE THIS, WHEN WE'RE SHORT ON SOLDIERS AND PUBLIC ORDER IS DETERIORATING? FRONT-LINE TOWNS LIKE THIS ONE NEED GOOD MEN MOST.

PLEASE, LET ME SHAKE YOUR HAND!

BUT MEETING AN IMPORTANT SOLDIER LIKE YOU SHOCKED ME!

GRASP

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'M JUST A USELESS GRUNT...

OKAY! SO THAT'S HOW IT IS!

OH!

HE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING WORTH STEALING, THOUGH...

I SEE... SO IT WAS A ROBBERY... POOR NICK. HE MUST HAVE BEEN SCARED...

HMPH ...

WHAT?!

THE WALLISTS MAKE THEIR HOLY OBJECTS OUT OF IRON. EVERYONE KNOWS THEY'RE WORTH A LOT.

IT'S NOT THAT STRANGE IF YOU THINK ABOUT THE VICTIM'S SOCIAL STATUS.

...SOME-THING TO DO WITH THE CHURCH OF THE WALLS?

NICK HAD ...

HE WAS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE. HE HAD NO PLACE TO LIVE AFTER THE RECENT TURMOIL.

YES... I WAS THE ONE WHO INVITED HIM HERE.

IT WAS THE SURVEY CORPS THAT PUT MINISTER NICK IN THESE BARRACKS, WASN'T IT?

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

AT LEAST, THAT'S WHAT I WROTE ON THE APPLICATION FORM WHEN I REQUESTED PERMISSION TO USE THIS ROOM.

BUT... AS FAR AS I KNEW, HE WAS JUST A CHAIR-MAKER.

...HE COULD LIVE IN THIS ROOM UNTIL HE FOUND A NEW PLACE TO STAY.

...I KNOW YOU SHOULDN'T USE THE BARRACKS FOR PERSONAL REASONS, BUT I MADE ARRANGE-MENTS SO THAT...

AND MOST OF ALL, NICK COULDN'T EVEN LEAVE THIS ROOM BECAUSE OF THE SHOCK HE SUFFERED WHEN THE TITANS RAN HIM DOWN...

I'D NEVER HEARD NICK SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE WALLISTS...

AT THE VERY LEAST... HE WASN'T CARRYING ANY CLOTHES OR SACRED OBJECTS RELATED TO THE WALLISTS WHEN HE ARRIVED HERE.

HE FLED COMPLETELY EMPTY-HAND-ED.

WHAT ARE YOU ...

...ANY-THING ABOUT HIM...

NO ONE HERE SHOULD'VE KNOWN...

HEY ...

LET GO ...

... MH !!

I GUESS I JUST DIDN'T KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT NICK.

GRIP

BUT ...

IN ANY CASE... GOOD LUCK WITH THE INVESTIGA-TION.

...AND WHEN YOU FIND THE ROBBER ...

OH, I'M SORRY! I STARTED SQUEEZING WITHOUT REALIZING IT!

GIVE THAT COWARDLY BASTARD A MESSAGE.

...AND PERHAPS THAT MADE YOU THINK THERE WAS NOTHING YOU COULD'VE DONE.

...OR MAYBE YOU THINK YOU'RE NOT GUILTY BECAUSE YOU WERE JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS...

YOU MAY HAVE HAD SOME SORT OF JUST CAUSE IN MIND WHEN YOU DID THIS...

OH, I FEEL SORRY FOR THEM AL-READY !!

I SWEAR, THE FILTH THAT DID THIS WILL FEEL EVERY BIT OF PAIN THAT THEY INFLICTED ON MY FRIEND AND MORE!

BUT I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ANY OF THAT !!

EX-CUSE ME!

YOU TELL THE ROBBER THAT!

THE SKIN ON HIS FIST HAD BEEN STRIPPED OFF.

DJEL SANNES, MILITARY POLICE BRIGADE INTERIOR FIRST SQUAD.

YEAH...

SQUAD LEADER... DID THEY REALLY...?

NICK WAS TORTURED BY THE INTERIOR FIRST SQUAD OF THE MILITARY POLICE...

...THEN KILLED.

I HAD THOUGHT THAT THE CHURCH WOULD TRY TO GET THEIR HANDS ON NICK ONCE THEY LEARNED HE WAS HELPING THE SURVEY CORPS.

THAT'S WHY I HID HIS IDENTITY AND PUT HIM IN THE BARRACKS. BUT...

I WAS NAÏVE...

IT'S MY FAULT THAT NICK WAS KILLED.

I NEVER IMAGINED THEY'D USE SOLDIERS TO KILL HIM...

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SSIP

...TO FIND OUT HOW MUCH HE TOLD US?

SO THE MPS TORTURED MINISTER NICK...

TOR-TURE ?

...AND THEY'D WANT TO KNOW WHERE EREN AND HISTORIA ARE.

PROBABLY... THEY'D WANT TO KNOW IF THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE REISS FAMILY AND THE CHURCH HAD GOTTEN OUT...

...

STILL, IF THEY CHANGE THEIR METHODS, THERE ARE PLENTY OF WAYS THEY COULD FIND US... WE DON'T KNOW WHO IS A FRIEND AND WHO IS AN ENEMY RIGHT NOW.

SO NOW THE TABLES HAVE TURNED ON THE INTERIOR MPS. **WE'RE** WATCHING **THEM...** SO THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING TOO EXTREME.

OF COURSE, WE HAVE SHARED THIS INFORMATION WITH COMMANDER ERWIN, COMMANDER PIXIS, AND THE ENTIRE SURVEY CORPS.

THAT'S WHY YOU WANT TO HOLD OFF ON EXPERIMENTING WITH EREN, HANGE?

AND SO ...

YEAH ...

EVEN COMING HERE TODAY, WE SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS AND ASSIGNED SHADOWS TO LOOK FOR ANYONE TAILING US.

THOUGH I DON'T BELIEVE THIS LOCATION IS COMPROMISED YET...

...

SOMEONE FROM THE INTERIOR HAS BEEN TRYING DESPERATELY TO GET THEIR HANDS ON HIM.

FROM THE TIME EREN'S TITAN POWERS WERE REVEALED ...

EVERYTHING INSIDE THE WALLS HAS BECOME UNSTABLE, TOO...

THEY'RE TRAMPLING THROUGH TERRITORY THEY USED TO SEE AS OFF-LIMITS. THEY MAY HAVE ALREADY SPLIT THE MILITARY INTO TWO FACTIONS.

BUT... SINCE THE RECENT TURMOIL, THE LEVEL OF PRESSURE HAS CLEARLY CHANGED.

...IS BEING FATALLY STABBED IN THE BACK WHILE OUR ATTENTION IS DIVERTED OUTSIDE THE WALLS.

IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT WE NEED TO BE WORRIED ABOUT ...

IF YOU THINK ABOUT THIS CALMLY, IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT "OUTSIDE ENEMIES" LIKE REINER AND BERTOLT HAD ALLIES ON THE INSIDE THE WHOLE TIME.

YOU'RE SAYING WE SHOULD JUST SIT HERE AND HAVE TEA PARTIES INSTEAD?

SO?

NO. IT'S THE...

"JUST FOR NOW"?

... OP-PO-SITE.

... PLEASE. JUST FOR NOW.

THERE'S STILL A LOT WE CAN DO INSIDE... LIKE KNITTING.

IF WE DO NOTHING BUT RUN, THEN ALL WE CAN DO IS GET CAUGHT.

THEY'LL FIND US HERE EVENTU-ALLY.

DO YOU THINK THESE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GIVE UP THAT QUICKLY?

... HUH ?

HOW MANY OF NICK'S FINGER-NAILS WERE TORN OFF?

BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR NICK BEING KILLED, AND THAT'S MADE YOU TIMID.

HANGE... YOU'RE NORMALLY CLEAR-HEADED.

AH ...

ALL THE ONES I COULD SEE WERE TORN OFF.

...I ONLY SAW HIM FOR A MOMENT... BUT...

I DON'T KNOW.

HOW MANY ?

YOU SAW HIM, DIDN'T YOU?

...

...IT LOOKS LIKE HE HELD ONTO HIS FAITH TO THE END.

WHILE I DO THINK THAT MINISTER NICK WAS AN IDIOT...

IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TALK, IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY OF YOUR NAILS THEY RIP OFF.

IF YOU'RE GOING TO TALK, YOU TALK AFTER ONE.

...
GOD
...

MY...

...THEN IT'S POSSIBLE THAT OUR "SOMEONE" IN THE INTERIOR HASN'T NOTICED THAT THE SURVEY CORPS IS WATCHING THE REISS FAMILY.

IF THERE'S A STRONG CHANCE THAT NICK DIDN'T TALK...

...OR WE EXTERMIN-ATE OUR WOULD-BE KILLERS FIRST.

WE GO OUTSIDE BEFORE WE'RE STABBED IN THE BACK...

ANYWAY... THE WAY I SEE IT, THERE'S TWO PATHS WE CAN GO DOWN.

...GO BEFORE WE'RE STABBED ?

WHICH DO YOU CHOOSE, HANGE?

WE'LL DO BOTH AT THE SAME TIME.

BOTH.

I GUESS THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT ERWIN WOULD SAY...

...HUH.

TO BE HONEST... I FEEL LIKE I DON'T UNDER-STAND HALF OF WHAT'S GOING ON.

... WHAT, REALLY?

BASICALLY, WE'RE GOING TO RUN EXPERIMENTS AS QUIETLY AS WE CAN.

MEANWHILE, WE'LL CRUSH ANYONE WHO'S IN OUR WAY.

PERSON-ALLY... I JUST WANNA KILL THAT BEAST TITAN.

YMIR SAID THAT IT WAS THAT **APE** THAT TURNED MY WHOLE VILLAGE INTO TITANS, RIGHT?

...YEAH.

IF YOU WANT MORE DETAILS ...WELL ...

...LET'S GET ARMIN TO EX-PLAIN LATER.

YEAH.

AND WHAT ABOUT YMIR? SHE MADE FUN OF ME WHEN SHE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT WAS GOING ON.

I NEVER IMAGINED SHE COULD BE SO CRUEL...

NO.

I KNOW HER.

RIGHT ?

SHE WOULDN'T DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT...

HUH ?

SHE WAS DOING HER BEST TO DISTRACT YOU.

WHEN YMIR DID THAT, IT WAS BECAUSE SHE THOUGHT IT WOULD HURT YOU IF YOU LEARNED THE TRUTH ABOUT YOUR VILLAGE...

BACK THEN, THE FIRST NIGHT WE SPENT HERE... I GUESS THAT WAS THE ONLY TIME SHE REALLY TALKED TO US.

SHE'S BEEN LIKE THIS EVER SINCE WE RETURNED.

I WAS BORN ON A SMALL FARM IN THE NORTH PART OF WALL SHEENA.

AND EVER SINCE HISTORIA TOLD US ABOUT HER UPBRINGING...

IT WAS A FARM ON LAND CONTROLLED BY THE NOBLE REISS FAMILY.

I NEVER SAW HER DOING HOUSE-WORK.

MY MOTHER WAS ALWAYS READING BOOKS.

SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.

AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER, I WAS ALWAYS HELPING OUT ON THE FARM.

SHE SEEMED TO HAVE SOME OTHER SOURCE OF INCOME BESIDES THE FAMILY BUSINESS.

WHEN NIGHT CAME, SHE WOULD DRESS UP IN SHOWY CLOTHES AND SOMEONE WOULD COME IN A CARRIAGE TO TAKE HER TO TOWN.

AND WHEN I STARTED TO IMITATE MY MOTHER BY READING BOOKS...

BUT THEN I LEARNED TO READ AND WRITE.

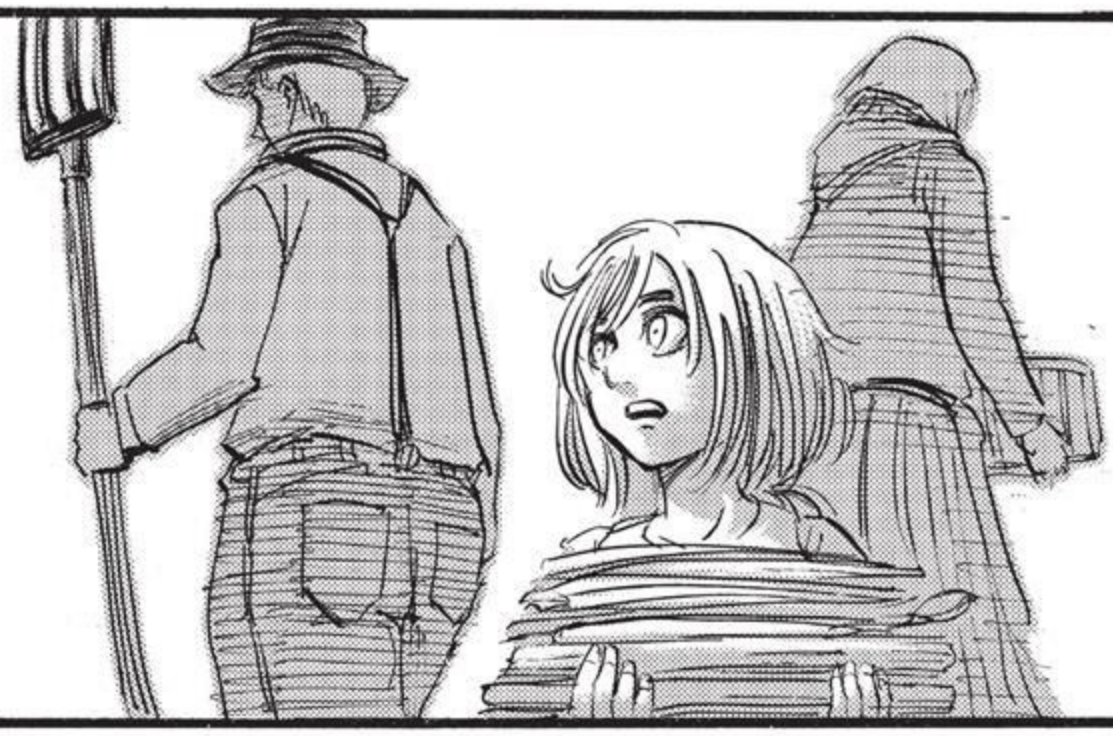
...I LEARNED THAT I WAS VERY MUCH ALONE.

THAT WAS JUST NORMAL LIFE FOR ME.

IN MY BOOKS, THEY WOULD SPEAK TO THEM, HOLD THEM, SCOLD THEM...

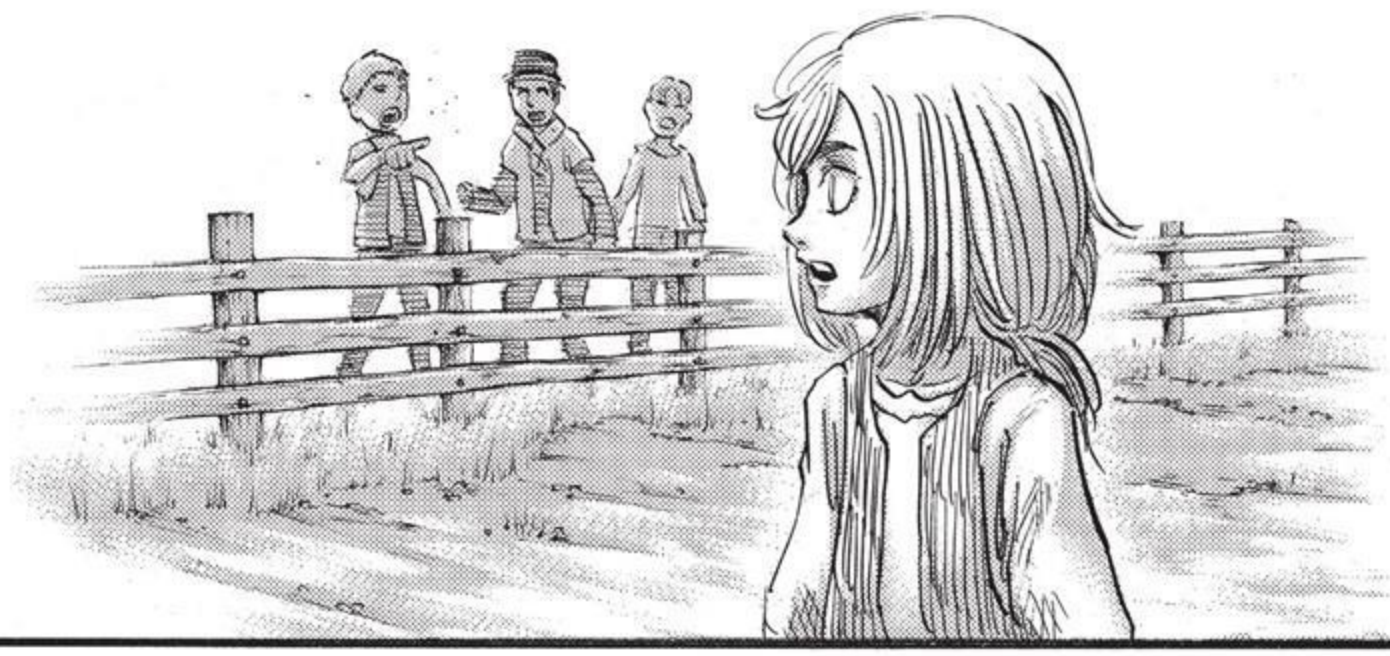
IN ALL THE BOOKS I READ... MOTHERS SHOWED INTEREST IN THEIR CHILDREN.

MY GRANDPARENTS WOULD SPEAK TO ME WHEN THEY TAUGHT ME HOW TO WORK, BUT I HAD NEVER SPOKEN TO MY MOTHER.



I HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED ANY OF THOSE THINGS.

AND THAT THEY'D PLAY WITH OTHER KIDS THEIR AGE.



I ALSO NOTICED THAT THE OTHER CHILDREN COULD WALK AROUND FREELY,

NEEDLESS TO SAY, I NEVER LEFT THE FARM.

TO ME, OTHER CHILDREN WERE DANGEROUS. THEY'D THROW ROCKS AT ME.

ONE DAY, OUT OF CURIOSITY, I DECIDED TO TRY HUGGING MY MOTHER.

...WHAT KIND OF FACE SHE WOULD MAKE.

I WANTED TO SEE...

BOOF

MOTHER!

AAH!

ROLL

NGH!

...BUT IT WAS THE FIRST TIME MY MOTHER HAD EVER DONE ANYTHING TO ME.

THAT WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE ME HAPPY.

ALL SHE HAD DONE WAS TOSS ME AWAY...

...TO KILL THIS GIRL ...

IF ONLY I HAD THE COUR-AGE...

THOSE WERE MY MOTHER'S...

...FIRST WORDS TO ME.

...THE PEOPLE WHO WORKED ON THE FARM, THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED ON THE LAND... EVERYONE...

EVENTUALLY, I REALIZED. MY GRANDFATHER, MY GRANDMOTHER...

AFTER THAT, MY MOTHER LEFT THE HOUSE AND STARTED LIVING SOMEWHERE ELSE.

...IF I WASN'T ALIVE.

THEY WOULD ALL BE HAPPIER...

THERE WAS NO ONE I COULD ASK. THE FARM WAS MY WHOLE WORLD.

WHY WERE THINGS THIS WAY?

WHAT HAD I DONE?

MOST OF MY DAYS WERE SPENT DOING FARM WORK, BUT THE WORK HELPED ME FORGET ABOUT MY LONELINESS.

THE ANIMALS ON THE FARM WERE MY ONLY FRIENDS.

WHEN WALL MARIA FELL...

AND THEN, A FEW NIGHTS AFTER THAT DAY FIVE YEARS AGO...

MY NAME IS ROD REISS. ...I'M YOUR FATHER.

HELLO, HISTORIA.

I MET MY FATHER FOR THE FIRST TIME.

THE NAME THE MAN GAVE WAS THE NAME OF THE LORD WHO RULED THAT LAND.

HISTORIA... YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE WITH ME FROM NOW ON.

BUT SHE SEEMED TERRIFIED.

MY MOTHER, WHOM I HADN'T SEEN IN YEARS, WAS ALSO THERE.

AAAAHHH!!

AND THEN—

AS SOON AS HE SAID THAT, MY FATHER TOOK ME TOWARD A CARRIAGE WAITING OUTSIDE.

AND I NOTICED THAT WE WERE SURROUNDED BY MEN.

MY MOTHER SHRIEKED—

ARE YOU FEELING UNEASY BECAUSE WALL MARIA HAS FALLEN...?

EENHH

SHNK

MY LORD REISS, WE MUST ASK YOU NOT TO ACT SO RASHLY.

NO!!

MOTHER!

SHE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME!!

I AM NOT THIS CHILD'S MOTHER!

ARE BOTH THIS WOMAN... AND THIS CHILD UNRELATED TO YOU?

AHA... IS THIS TRUE, LORD REISS?

NEITHER OF THEM ARE RELATED TO ME.

VERY WELL...

SIGH ...

THUD

YEEK?!

...?!

JUST AS WE THOUGHT.

NO ONE KNOWS WHO YOU ARE.

YOU NEVER WORKED IN THE LORD'S MANSION.

YOU NEVER EXISTED.

WHAT ARE YOU ...?!

WHAT?!

BUT... THAT ISN'T TRUE!!

MAST-ER ...!

NO!

...IF ONLY ...

M...

MOTHER...

AH ...

GRRIT

IF ONLY YOU'D NEVER BEEN BOR-

THOSE WERE MY MOTHER'S LAST WORDS.

SBBPT

MY FATHER MADE A PROPOS-AL.

MOMENTS BEFORE I WAS GOING TO BE KILLED, TOO...

WAIT.

...THEY'D LET ME GO FREE.

YOUR NAME ...

IF I LIVED A QUIET LIFE SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY...

...IS KRISTA LENZ.

AFTER THAT, I LIVED IN A SETTLEMENT FOR TWO YEARS...

...ENTERED THE TRAINING CORPS WHEN I TURNED TWELVE...

...THEN MET ALL OF YOU.

ATTACK
ON TITAN